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Smith & pro football legends team up to support disabled veterans

PHOENIX – Representative Steve Smith and several pro football legends will host a news conference Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at 1 p.m. in the Rose Garden to support disabled veterans and their desire to lead as productive a life as possible following their separation from service.

“The laws and rules enacted by the federal government can limit the ability of a disabled veteran to work,” said Rep. Steve Smith, R-Maricopa. “We must get the Feds to review the disability rating process, annual income caps and other regulations that restrict disabled veteran employment. It is equally important that we make it easier for companies to hire disabled veterans.”

One Arizona company, TC Mobility that builds wheelchairs which give veterans much greater independence, freedom and access to the great outdoors, has found it difficult to hire disabled veterans under the current veteran disability benefit structure.

Rep. Smith will sponsor legislation next session encouraging the federal government to take action that will make easier for companies to hire veterans.

“Securing changes will not only increase the financial success of all disabled veterans,” added Rep. Smith, “but these needed reforms will ultimately improve the overall mental health of veterans by strengthening their ability to support themselves and their families.”

U-Haul Truck Rental, Con-way Freight and Santisi Brothers Pizzeria as well as the Hall of Fame (HOF) Players Foundation support TC Mobility and efforts to improve life for disabled veterans.

“The HOF Players are indebted to what these men and women [veterans] have sacrificed on behalf of all US citizens,” said Pro Football HOF Player Paul Krause. “We are honored to lend our support...and look forward to having veterans beside us at every event.”

TC Mobility plans to demonstrate a model of their wheelchair - the Tankchair - at the news conference.

Who will attend:

- Rep. Steve Smith, Vice Chair, House Federalism and Fiscal Responsibility Committee
- Bobby Bell, Pro Football HOF Player from the Kansas City Chiefs
- Joe DeLamielleure, Pro Football HOF Player from the Buffalo Bills
- Paul Krause, Pro Football HOF Player from the Minnesota Vikings
- Jim McMahon, football legend from the Chicago Bears, expected to attend

- Brad Soden, Founder of TC Mobility

What: Information on disabled veterans and a demonstration of TC Mobility's Tankchair.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 01, 2014, at 1 p.m.

Where: The Rose Garden, 1700 W. Washington St, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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